Trichur Municipal election.

95. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they received a petition to the effect that snapshot photoes of ladies, who came to record their votes during the last Trichur Municipal election in the G. ward were taken by some Polite officers;

(b) if so, what action was taken?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No answer is called for in view of the reply to subdivision (a).

Complaints against Police officers.

96. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police received a petition dated 12th Edavam 1109 from one T. Sreenivasan, Thekke Gramam, Chitur, to the effect that the bus which is timed to start from Chittur at 9-30 a. m. was detained till 10-30 to suit the convenience of Police officers; if so, who was the Police officer, who is said to have detained the bus; what action was taken in the matter;

(b) to state the time C. S. 1146 left Chittur and reached Trichur on the 11th Edavam 1109 and what was the schedule time for that bus?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes; the Police officer, who is alleged to have detained the bus as stated in the petition, is Mr. A. L. Devassi, D. S. P., Trichur District. The petition was enquired into and found to be pseudonymous and the allegations were not true.

(b) Left Chittur at 9-30 a. m. and reached Trichur at 2-30 p. m. As per the schedule time, the bus must leave Chittur at 9-30 a. m. and arrive at Trichur at 1-30 p. m.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—As per the schedule time, the bus must leave Chittur at 9-30 a. m. and arrive at Trichur at 1-30 p. m. The bus actually reached the place only at 2-30. Did the Police enquire into the reason for the delay?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Sir. No enquiry was made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not the duty of Traffic Department to enquire if there is any long delay in the arrival of the bus?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, Sir. If there is any long delay it will be enquired into.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not one hour a long delay?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In view of the long distance between the two places it is not a long delay.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Especially when there was complaint, did not the Commissioner of Police think it necessary to go into the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—But the complaint was found to be unfounded.

97. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police received complaints from the public that the lady passengers who were seated in the front row of a bus were asked to remove themselves from their seats to make room for a Police officer;

(b) is it not a fact that one C. Kuttikrishna Menon, Drill Inspector, of the Veloor School and brother of one of the ladies, protested before vacating the seat;

(c) did he complain to the Commissioner of Police about this;

(d) was one Mahamad Ali, the driver of the bus concerned, asked by the Commissioner of Police to appear before him;

(e) if so, did he not corroborate the statements contained in the petition;

(f) what action was taken by the Commissioner in the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) There was no such complaint. But an article appeared in the "Snehithan" dated 20th Thulam 1109 to the effect.

(b) No information.

(c) No.

(d) Yes.

(e) There was no petition.

(f) No action was deemed necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was one Muhamadali asked to appear before the Commissioner? What was the reason for asking him to appear before the Commissioner?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Just to find out from him whether any such things happened as alleged in the papers.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the statement given by him?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—A seat was reserved for the D. S. P. without his knowledge because the driver knew that he would be coming and for that no protest was received from any passenger

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